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THE

SPEECH

Of the Right Honourable

Sir John Moore, Kt.

Lord Mayor Elect,

At *Guild-Hall*, Sept. 29, 1681.

Gentlemen, and Worthy Citizens,

I Give you all my hearty thanks for the great honour you have done me this day, in chuſing me your chief Magiſtrate for the Year enſuing.

It is a very great Truſt you have repoſed in me, and a high and honourable Employment to which you have called me. It ſhall be my great Care, to the uttermoſt of my Power, with God's Bleſſing, and your Aſſiſtance, to diſcharge it faithfully. It is a Work I never did, and requires that ſtrength I never had, which I hope the Lord will grant me. God by you hath called me to it, and I truſt will carry me through it.

Magiſtracy is an Ordinance ſet up by Divine Authority, and Government is appointed for the good of Mankind, to keep the World in Order, to which is due great Reverence and Obedience; I wiſh all Men did their Duty.

I am ſorry to hear and ſee ſuch great Diviſions amongſt us; certainly they are in a great Error that are promoters of them. It's the Deſign of *Rome* to divide us; it will be the wiſdom of *Proteſtants* to prevent and diſappoint them, by living together as Brethren in unity amongſt themſelves. And my Requeſt to you all is, to exerciſe Chriſtian Charity, to forbear reproaching and backbiting one another; to ſtudy quietneſs among your ſelves, to diſcourage Sin and Wickedneſs, to promote Piety and Godlineſs: which will bring Glory to God, Honour to the King and his Government, Peace, Happineſs and Proſperity to this City; which God Almighty grant, and let all the People ſay, *Amen.*

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